

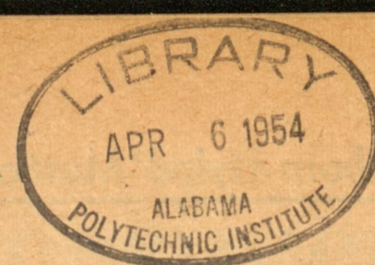
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Long awaited dream realized with opening of

Auburn's Union Building

WITH the official opening of the Auburn Union Building February 14, the long awaited dream of thousands of Auburnites was realized. Hundreds of visitors were conducted on tours of all parts of the million dollar building which now has been serving various needs of students, faculty and alumni for nearly two months.

"Thousands of alumni and other visitors have visited the Auburn Union since it was accepted by the college in December," W. O. Lynch, manager, stated. The Union, which was actually opened for operation on January 3, 1954, is under the supervision of the Office of Student Affairs.

With more than 73,000 square feet of floor space, the Auburn Union is a tribute to the combined efforts of students, alumni and faculty. When the Union passed inspection in December, James E. Foy, director of student affairs, stated that the Union "stands as a monument to a united Auburn. It serves as a challenge to all of us in making Auburn an even greater place to live and work."

New center of activities

SINCE the Union began operation, it has very rapidly revolutionized the Auburn campus, from several standpoints. It has very quickly become the center of activity for Auburn students, and for alumni and faculty as well. The Auburn Alumni Association is now situated in its new quarters in the Union, and the Faculty Club is also located in the building.

The Alumni Association, having moved from its headquarters in the Textile Building, is located on the second floor where it has an attractive reception room, conference room, offices for the executive secretary and the Alumnews editor, clerical and records rooms, supply room, and the mailing room, which is below on the ground floor.

Next month, The Alumnews will feature the quarters of the Alumni Association for the benefit of alumni and others who have not had an opportunity to visit the Union.

Buzzing with activity

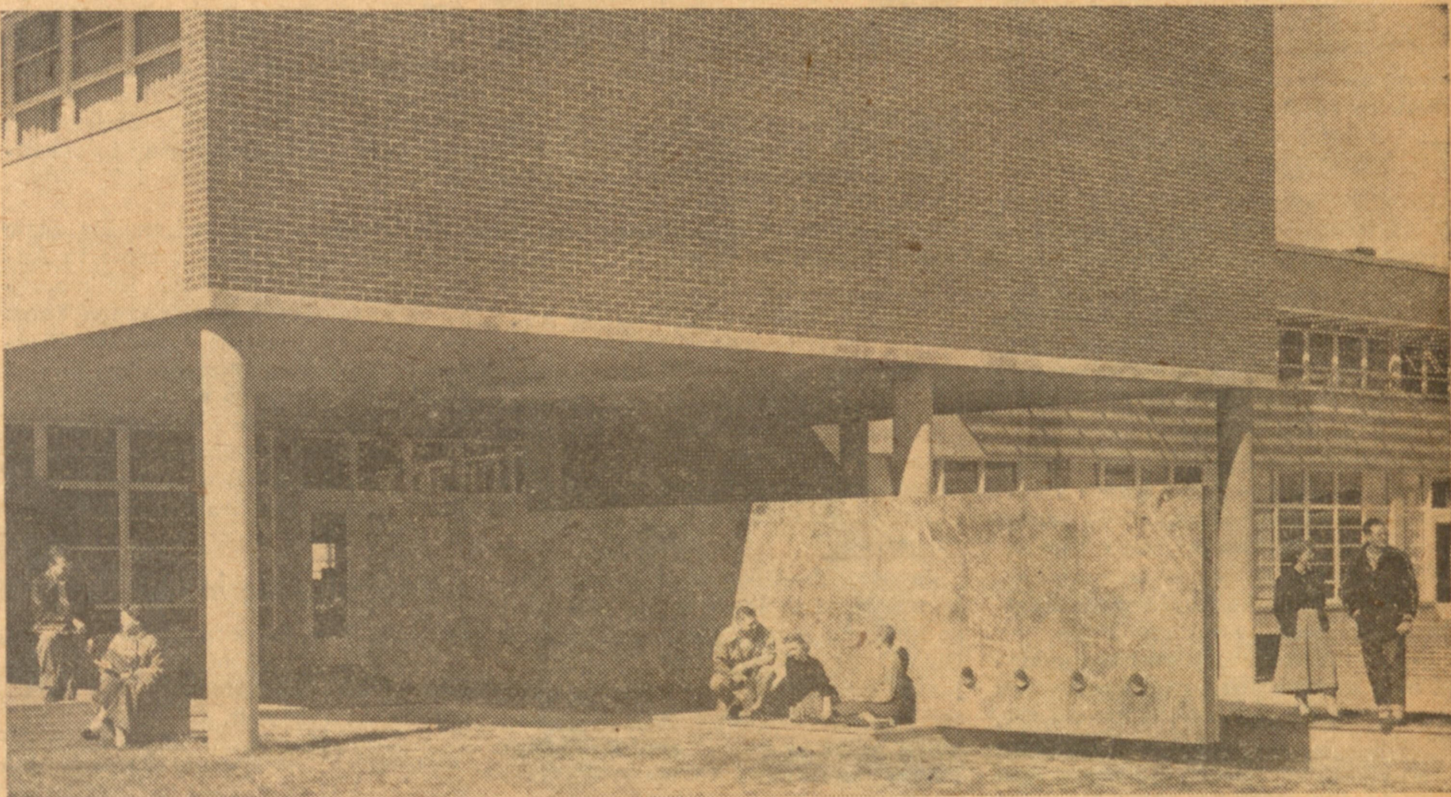
THE varied facilities of the Union have been received with great enthusiasm on the part of everyone. And in just a short period, the Union has become alive, buzzing with activity of every description.

Student organizations have moved into their assigned office space, and social and other activities are moving at a whirlwind pace. Already several dances, banquets, movies, and other activities have been held in the Union's spacious ballroom.

On the ground floor

NOT THE least of the Union facilities are those on the ground floor; namely, the student bookstore, snack and fountain bar, cafeteria, a dark room for student use, a hobby room, a poster room for use during campus campaigns, and a physical education room with facilities for ping pong, shuffleboard, and other indoor games.

Interior decoration schemes were de-



Thousands have visited the Union since it was opened

vised as a class project by several Auburn students studying interior design. They are Pat Andress, Beatrice, Ala.; Gladys Blackburn, Birmingham; Van Fraser, Atlanta; Tommy Hughes, Birmingham, and Bob Moody, Boaz, Ala. William B. McGehee, associate professor of architecture, directed the project.

The idea of the Auburn Union was conceived in 1950, when Gilmer Blackburn, a student, discussed with API's business manager, W. T. Ingram, the possibility of adding \$2 per quarter to the student activities fee to finance a structure of this kind.

On May 2, 1950, the students went to the polls and voted 88.5 per cent

for the increase in fees to finance the building.

Pearson, Tittle & Narrows

THE architectural firm of Pearson, Tittle, and Narrows of Montgomery, was selected, along with the consulting architects Hare and Elder of New York City and Mr. Edgar Whiting, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of College Unions, to begin the first drawings on the building.

Thus, the million dollar building was anticipated with funds coming from the following sources: (1) \$750,000 bond issue to be retired by the \$2 per quarter student activity fee; (2) \$200,000 cash

voted by the API Board of Trustees; (3) \$50,000 donated by the Bradley Foundation, and (4) \$55,000 from the Auburn Alumni Association.

In May, 1952, the Batson and Cook Contracting Company of West Point, Ga., was named contractor. In January, 1953, Mr. W. B. McGehee was asked to use his senior students in Interior Design to make plans for furnishing the building.

Auburn Union Board

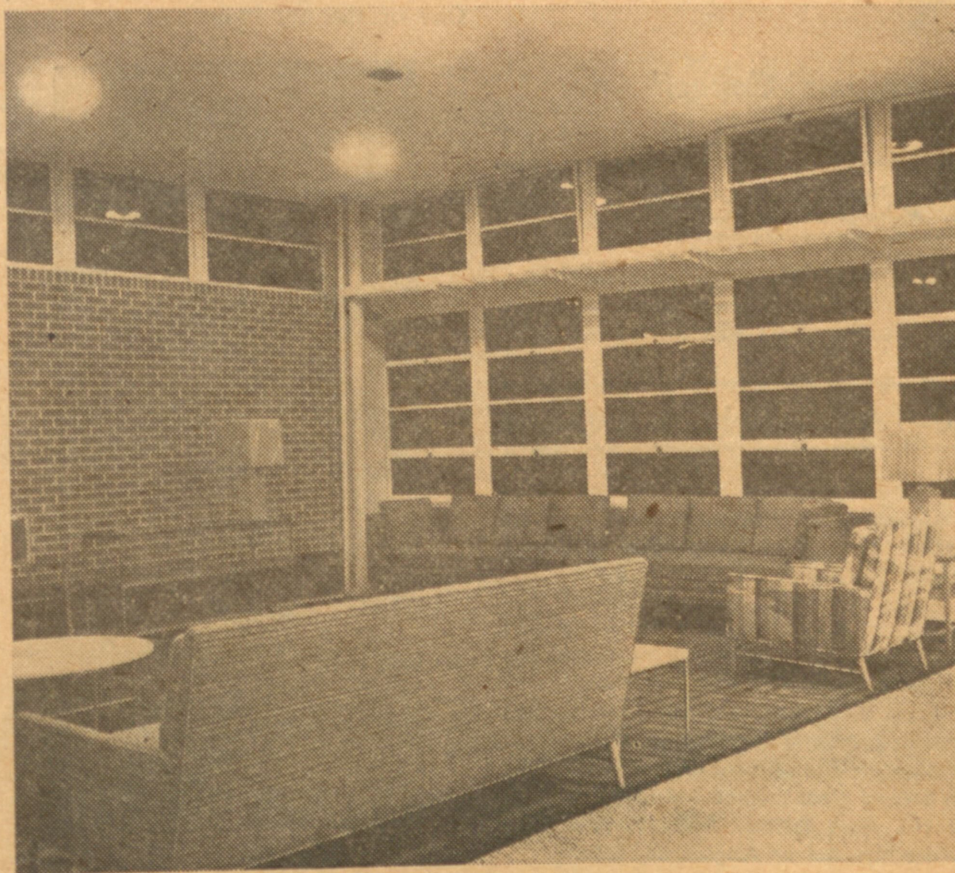
IT WAS in May, 1953, that a permanent policy-governing board, the Auburn Union Board, was set up to replace the original Union Building Committee. This Board, composed of representatives of the various concerned organizations and headed by the Director of Student Affairs, is responsible for making policy recommendations to the college president.

Manager of the Union is W. O. Lynch, with offices on the third floor. Mr. Lynch, a graduate of Louisiana Tech, received his Master's Degree in education at LSU. He came to Auburn as manager of Magnolia Hall, men's dormitory, which position he held for two years. Originally from Elmore County, he was formerly principal of a junior high school there before coming to Auburn.

Mr. Lynch is married to the former Jeanne Hall, '53, of Titus, Ala. Mrs. Lynch received her B.S. degree at Auburn last year, and is presently working on her Master's while teaching freshman history at API.

Donations to Union

VARIOUS organizations have cooperated in making the Union even more attractive since it was opened. The Textile Department has woven backdrops for the stage in the ballroom; Interior Design students planned and selected



Main floor lounge of the million dollar structure

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With Auburn-styled 'Mutt and Jeff' setting the pace

Eavesmen Post Impressive 15-4 Record

BY BILL BECKWITH

API Sports Publicist

THE TIDE turned with Coach Joel Eaves' Auburn basketball team in January, and as the season enters its final stages Auburn looks toward the climax of another highly successful cage campaign.

It all started in Oxford, Miss., on the night of January 11. The Ole Miss Rebels had defeated Alabama on the ninth and were rated as contenders to LSU and Kentucky. Auburn had fallen to Miss. State the same night and were considered out of the picture.

Ole Miss' Denver Brackeen jumped at center on even odds with Bob Miller at 8 p.m. the evening of the 11th, and that was the only time during the night that the Rebels were on even terms with a game and ready Auburn hardwood unit.

Tigers edge Rebels

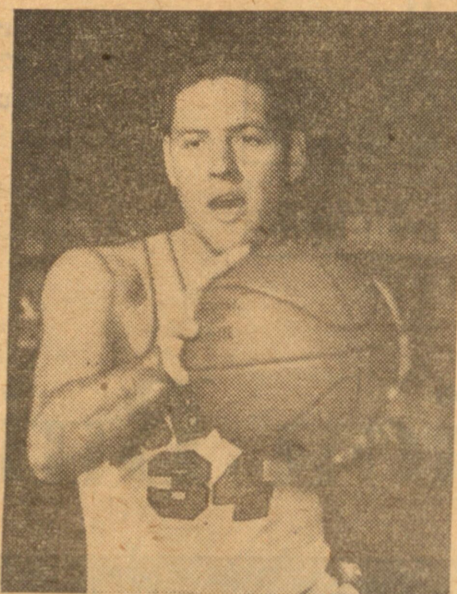
AUBURN emerged victorious, 66-61, in one of the hardest fought contests of Eaves' coaching career. After this night of reformation, the Plainsmen won five of their next six games, including wins over Georgia Tech and Florida away from home—something that hadn't happened in five years.

Bob Miller, Auburn's big center, continued to set the pace for the Tiger squad. And when Miller wasn't dropping them in at the rate of 18 points per game, Bill Fickling, Jack Turner, Bill Kirkpatrick, John Cochran, or some of the others upped their usual output to take up the slack.

Six of the Auburn team have pumped in more than 100 points already this season, and Miller's total is around 350, far ahead of that of his nearest teammate. Other than Miller, the cagers who have hit the cords for more than 100 tallies are Bill Kirkpatrick, Jack Turner, Jim O'Donnell, John Cochran, and Bill Fickling.

At the date of this writing, Auburn was sitting in the fourth seat in SEC standings and supporting a terrific 15-4 seasonal record. After the Ole Miss game in January, Auburn defeated Tech, Georgia, Florida, Vanderbilt, and Tech again. The lone loss was at Tuscaloosa against Alabama.

JANUARY 16—Alabama at Tuscaloosa. The Tide jumped to a quick lead and



Capt. Bob Miller

maintained it throughout the game. The affair was close until the final five minutes when they rallied, winning 70-58. Jerry Harper and George Linn led the winners with 15 points each. Miller was Auburn's best with 20. Johnny Cochran followed with 13.

January 20—Georgia Tech at Auburn. The Plainsmen were never really in trouble, winning 80-56. Miller connected for 20 points and Cochran repeated his Bama performance of 13. Tech had 12 men who scored but none hit the double figures. Eaves used 16 men—his whole bench.

January 23—Georgia at Athens. Auburn jumped to an early lead, 42-28, at halftime, then won going away, 81-65. Guard Bill Kirkpatrick, diminutive junior, was at his best with nine goals and two free throws for 20 points. Miller followed with 18 and guard Jack Turner contributed 10. Georgia's best was forward Lamar Potts with 10.

January 29—Florida at Gainesville. This was the first Eaves victory in the Gator Gym. Unheralded Byrd Whigham stopped Florida's Sonny Powell in the second half, after the guard had registered 18 points in the first half, and Auburn won, 83-76. After Whigham, only 5-8, started guarding Powell, he scored only one goal and four free throws in the second half. Miller was tops with 25, followed by Cochran 15, Kirkpatrick 13, and sub center Jim Martin 13.

BY RONALD OWEN

Sports Editor, The Plainsman

THERE'S a good eight inches difference in height, but when you start measuring talent the two won't come out far from equal.

Bob Miller and Bill Kirkpatrick are the Mutt and Jeff of Coach Joel Eaves' basketball team, center Miller standing 6-6 and guard Kirkpatrick, standing 5-10, but one is as important as the other to the Plainsmen cause.

Miller leading in SEC

TOWERING Bob, leading the conference in percentage of shots made, rewrote the Auburn record book last season and threatens to do the same thing again this year. The lanky pivotman, picked on the pre-season All-SEC team, has lived up to all his press notices and shows no sign of slacking up in the future.

A transfer from Jacksonville State Teachers' College, Miller came to Auburn as a junior last season. He improved fast under the able tutelage of Eaves and before the season ended the Piedmont native was recognized as one of the leading pivotmen in the conference. Miller ranked close to such centers as LSU's Bob Pettit and clearly outplayed the highly touted Bengal center when Auburn lost to the Louisiana cagers here on the Plains.

Most valuable in '53

MILLER Was awarded the Most Valuable Player award at the end of last season and soon thereafter was named captain for this year.

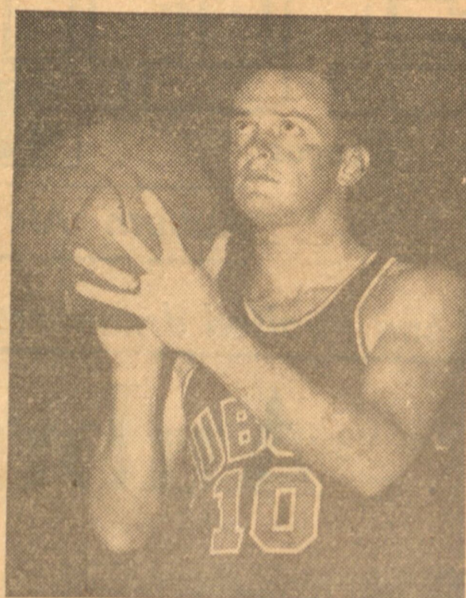
Kirkpatrick is fast proving that you don't have to be a giant to excel at the hardwood game. The little man from Surgionville, Tenn., though a junior, is participating in his second year of basketball for the Plainsmen. And if he keeps improving he'll be remembered as one of the best in Auburn history.



Augie Greiner led the foes with 22. Powell finished with 21.

Whip Vandy 76-73

FEBRUARY 6—Vanderbilt at Auburn. Earlier, Vandy defeated Auburn by 48 points, 96-48, in Nashville. This was sweet revenge for a hard-working team. Auburn won 76-73, leading throughout the game. Miller and Cochran had 15 each to pace the winners. Jim O'Donnell and Kirkpatrick each followed with 11. One of the big Plainsman differences



Bill Kirkpatrick

KIRKPATRICK brought an impressive record to the Plains from Surgionville High School, being All-District and All-Regional for three years, and All-State for one year during his prep school career. He took to college basketball eagerly and aimed his sights for a starting berth.

Kirkpatrick got his starting job last season, and the little man continues to hold it. Playing on a floor with young giants calls for accuracy on the part of the smaller player if the little guy is to score any points. Kirkpatrick is not bad to miss. He tossed in 19 points against Mississippi State and 20 points against Georgia earlier this season, and is averaging close to 13 points per game right now.

Yep, when you start measuring in talent the scales will almost balance.



was the floor work of frosh guard Henry Sturkie. Dan Finch, All-SEC forward, led the Commodores with 28 points.

February 8—Georgia Tech at Atlanta—The win was the first ever for Eaves in Atlanta. Auburn won 59-53, but it was not the top game of the year by far. Forward Bill Fickling topped Auburn with 13 points, dumping in two buckets in the last few moments that saved the game.

Auburn 85, Florida 65

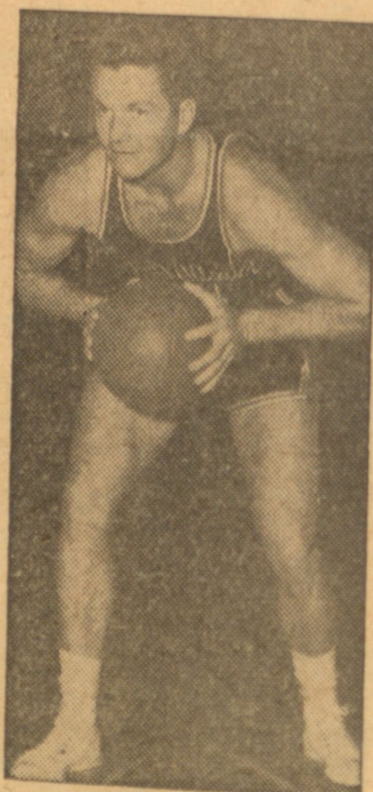
FEBRUARY 13—Florida at Auburn. With Miller sinking 24, Auburn took victory number 14 to the tune of 85-65, before the largest crowd to witness a home game all year. Kirkpatrick, Cochran, and Martin all had 14 apiece for the Plainsmen.

February 15—Georgia at Auburn. It was big Miller again who led the scoring with 19 as the Eavesmen racked up the Bulldogs 80-61. This was not such an easy victory as the score might indicate, however, for the Georgians jumped into an early lead and held it for three periods, leading 38-31 at the half-time, and 48-47 at the end of the third quarter.

Auburn got hot in the final stanza, though, pumping 33 points through the hoops while Georgia could only manage 13. In a miraculous comeback, the Plainsmen popped the cords for 21 points in the final four minutes of the game. Kirkpatrick got 13, Cochran 12, and Turner 11.

Miller's 19 point output upped his total for the year to 348, putting him within 12 points of the school record established by Bill Lynn in 1950. Lynn scored 360 in 27 games, while Miller has tallied his 348 in only 19 games. With five games yet to play, Miller should set a new Auburn record easily, and he might do it in the LSU game, next on the list. Big Bob is averaging better than 18 points per game.

Auburn's home stretch drive will be LSU, Tulane, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama in order.



Jim O'Donnell

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Educational Television Experiment

AUBURNITES will be especially interested in an experiment in educational television soon to be launched by the State of Alabama, for it will involve the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the University of Alabama.

According to plans at the present time, the program will begin in September of this year. Programs will be originated by primary, elementary, junior and senior high schools and colleges throughout the state from studios located on the campuses of API and the University, and in Birmingham.

Programs will be telecast from a powerful station constructed on top of Cheaha Mountain at Munford, Ala., one of the highest points in the state.

AETC to finance

CONSTRUCTION of the station and studios will be financed by the Alabama Educational Television Commission from the \$500,000 appropriated for educational television in Alabama by the last session of the state legislature.

Following the passage of the legislation, Governor Gordon Persons appointed five members to the State Educational Television Commission. President of the Commission is Raymond D. Hurlbert, Birmingham; Thomas D. Russell, Alexander City, is secretary. An Auburn alumnus, Rex Sikes, '31, Luverne, is one of three other members of the Commission, the others being Milton K. Cummings, Huntsville, and T. S. Acker, Ohatchie.

Mr. Sikes, a former vice-president of the Auburn Alumni Association, is presently a member of the executive committee of the Association.

The Commission, since its organization, has employed Norton and Holt, Birmingham, as consultants to aid in organizing the work of the Commission, to supervise the planning and construction of all facilities and to advise in matters of budgets, personnel and program and technical operations.

Program board named

THE Commission has also appointed a program board to direct the non-commercial Educational Television programs. Members of this board are Raymond D. Hurlbert, of the Birmingham public schools and president of the commission, representing Public

School Education; Graydon Ausmus, Director of Radio and Television broadcasting of the Extension, University of Alabama, representing collegiate and adult education, and L. O. Brackeen, Director of Information, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, representing colleges and farm education and information.

At present a program advisory board consisting of 15 Alabama citizens, representing all phases of education in the state, is being appointed.

Under plans filed with the Federal Communications Commission, in-school programs will be telecast starting at 12:45 and continuing until 2:45 p.m. each week. Programs for children and adults will be telecast between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. each evening starting Monday and continuing through Friday.

The programs will be telecast over VHF channel number seven which was assigned to the University of Alabama and then later reassigned to the Alabama Educational Television Commission so that the station could be constructed on Cheaha Mountain.

Two stations considered

IF THE experiment proves successful, plans are for at least one other station to be constructed in Alabama to give complete coverage of the state.

In its first allocation of channels the Federal Communications Commission allocated 242 channels for non-commercial Educational use throughout the United States. In Alabama it assigned VHF Educational channels to Birmingham and University and UHF channels to Auburn, Montgomery and Mobile.

In getting ready to establish studios and start telecasting in September, API brought Richard Hull, Manager of station WOI-TV, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, to Auburn for three days to work with faculty and staff members.

The Auburn telecast will include programs from all divisions including teaching, research and extension of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.



MOVED up to a new post early in February was William C. "Red" Sugg, '31, who is now regional sales manager of the Atlanta and Memphis Branches of the UpJohn Company. A former president of the Auburn Alumni Association, Mr. Sugg is presently serving on the Executive Committee of the Association. Mr. Sugg was elevated from his former position of manager of the Atlanta Branch of the UpJohn Company.

Prof. Charles R. Hixon Passes

AUBURN suffered a great loss January 23, 1954, in the death of Charles Robert Hixon, '07, head professor of the department of mechanical engineering at API for the past 46 years, who died suddenly at the home of friends from a heart attack.

Professor Hixon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hixon, was born and reared in Perote in Bullock County. He received his early education in the Perote High School.

He received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at Auburn in 1907, his M.S. degree in 1908, and became an instructor immediately after graduation. Except for a few Summer sessions, he spent his entire life teaching and working at Auburn.

Plainsman editorial

THE PLAINSMAN, student newspaper edited this year by Walter Everidge, of Columbus, Ga., expressed the thoughts of many of Professor Hixon's friends in an editorial in the issue of January 27. Following are excerpts from the editorial:

"The death of Charles R. Hixon last Saturday left a gap in the ranks of the faculty which will be hard to fill. For



PROF. CHARLES R. HIXON

46 years he devoted his life to the college and for that same number of years, the college benefited.

"It is hard to put one's finger on what determines the worth of a man's life. Perhaps it, can be determined by

what is left behind. Perhaps it can be determined by the numerous friends one gathers by one's side—mayhap a bit of philosophy or a calm energetic personality, warm in life and devotion, could be that small value left behind.

Pacemaker and friend

"ALL of these shall be the remembrance of Professor Hixon—that is among men. But among the halls of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute there is a stronger thread of integrity because he walked there. Made head professor in 1938, the Bullock Countian became pacemaker, friend, instructor and a widely recognized personage in his profession.

"No, nothing evaluates the measure of a man's worth so much as death and in the case of Professor Hixon the loss is personified and multiplied by the passing of a man who devoted himself to his teaching and his work at API.

"Thus the college has grown with the strength of such a man."

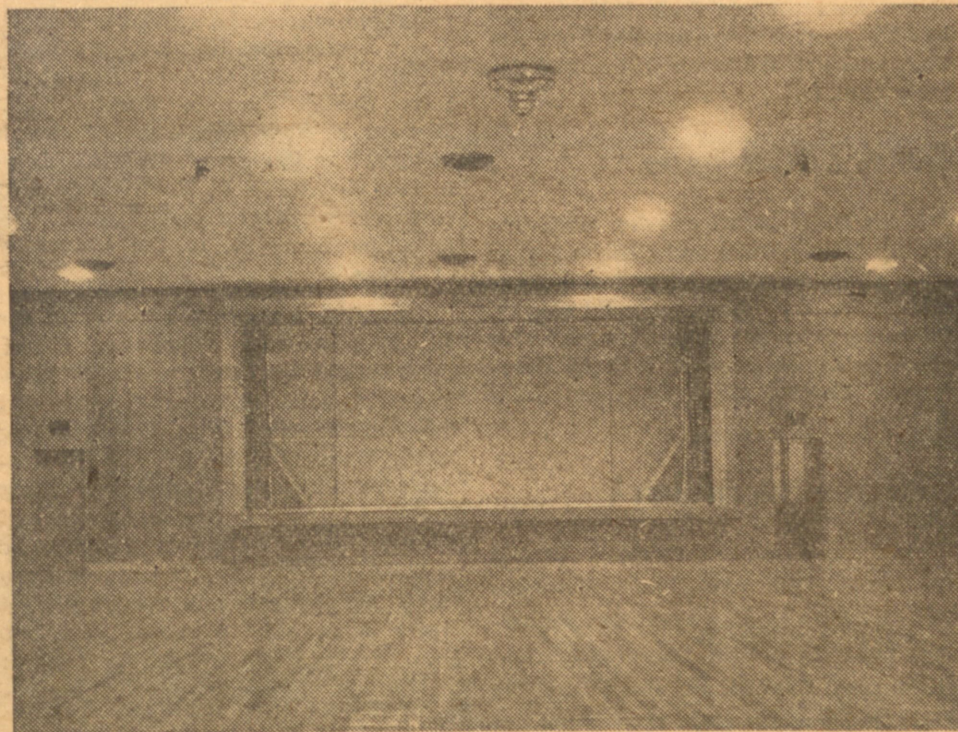
Invented slide rule device

PROFESSOR Hixon became widely known for originating a device to make teaching with the slide rule much easier. He built a revolving ruler which turns with the touch of the finger.

He was an excellent photographer, who specialized in landscape scenes, extremely old Negro men and women and circus clowns. He left a collection of these photographs.

HE WAS a member of Rotary and served as president of the Auburn club; served as a steward of the Auburn Methodist Church; as honorary chairman of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; was a member of the American Society for Promotion of Engineering Education, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity; for 20 years served as treasurer of Tau Beta Pi; was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, and assisted in organizing Pi Tau Sigma.

In 1916 Professor Hixon married Miss Hassie Terrell of Auburn who died in 1931. They had two children, Emily Hixon Strukie, '40, and Charles Hixon, Jr., '45, who as a lieutenant in the Air Corps lost his life in a plane explosion in World War II. In 1939 Professor Hixon was married to Mrs. Dorothy Greene Mitchell of Opelika.



The Union's spacious Ballroom

Union Building

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color schemes and furnishings and designed a clock for the Student Lounge; the Horticulture Department took as its project the gift of potted plants for the entire building, and Air Engineers, Inc., of Birmingham, donated a television for the Student Lounge.

These contributions, and the cooperation which has prevailed since the beginning of the Union, personify the spirit so beneficial to the growth of the Auburn Union.

A welcome gift

AIR Engineers, Inc., of Birmingham, early in January presented the Auburn Student Body with a General Electric cabinet model television, which has been installed in the Student Lounge of the Auburn Union.

Auburn graduates who are officials of Air Engineers, Inc., are Elmer J. Bissell, '39, president; George F. Holmes, '27, and Perry B. Pepper, Jr., '32, sales manager.

The television was a most welcome gift to the Auburn Union, having greatly increased the popularity of the Student Lounge since it was installed.

The Auburn Sports Scene

By Bill Beckwith, '51



A-Day Football Game Planned for March 6

COACH RALPH Jordan called 75 players back to work Monday, Feb. 8, and spring training was officially opened on the Plains.

Of the group now prepping for the annual A-Day football game to be held Saturday, March 6, in Cliff Hare Stadium, 16 are lettermen. Seven of the past season's "Gator Bowl" squad are missing.



RALPH JORDAN
Auburn Head Coach

Seven lettermen missing

JORDAN and his assistants have been pushing the gridders through a rugged spring session thus far, but it is still too soon to form any definite conclusions about the starting elevens for next fall.

However, the Village is ready to welcome a big crowd on A-Day, March 6, for many alumni and other Plainsman fans are expected to be on hand for this preview of things to come in 1954. Southeastern Conference and NCAA rules now allow 36 days to complete the 20 practice sessions. Auburn's A-Day will come 27 days after the opening.

"We will probably have to carry the practices over after the game," Jordan said. "Sundays and Mondays will be off days and several practices will probably be rained out."

Missing from the drills are seven 1953 lettermen, all graduating—Ed Duncan, Ed Baker, Vince Dooley, Joe Davis, Bobby Duke, Charlie Littles, and Charlie Hataway.

The 75 participants are broken down into 10 seniors; 18 juniors; 45 sophomores, and two new freshmen. The frosh reporting for their initial Auburn grid work are end Jimmy Reece, Woodlawn of Birmingham, and halfback Billy Atkins of Millport.

End posts stronger

ENDS—Should be stronger despite loss of sophomore X starter Vince Nardone to Army. Other losses are non-lettermen Jim Lofton and Bubba Warren. Return lettermen Jimmy Long, All-SEC Jim Pyburn, and Jim Hall. Jim Crouch, junior, is the only non-letterman returning with game action. Although Marine dischargee Jerry Elliott probably will not take part in spring drills, he will be big 1954 asset. Sophomore hopefuls are Don Allen, Thomas Cole-

man, Jerry Sansom, John Whatley, Bruce Dunbar, and Bill Sawyer. Also on hand is junior college transfer George Buford and frosh Reece.

Tackles—Much stronger position with all four lettermen returning—M. L. Brackett, All-SEC Frank D'Agostino, George Rogers, and Ted Neura. Non-lettermen are Jack Clark and junior college transfer John Brantly. Sophomore hopefuls are Willard Shoults, Paul Terry, James Warren, Dalton Bynum, Dick Anderson, Tommy Carter, and Jimmy Strain.

Guard strength same

Guards—Should be about the same but replacing Ed Duncan will be hard. Three 1953 lettermen return—Bob Scarborough, 2nd All-SEC George Atkins, and Al Brame. Non-letterman Ben Higgins will help. Sophomore hopefuls are Chuck Maxime, Neil Galloway, Glenn Parker, Edsel Hardy, Ken Johns, Ray Moore, Bill Boyd, Jimmy Duke, Pete Roussos, Pat Tozzo, and Marine dischargee Dickie Steber.

Ed Baker gone

Centers—Weakened by graduation of Ed Baker, voted "Best Offensive Center in SEC." Only letterman returning is senior Jack Locklear. Non-letterman Glenn Pugh is only other man with much varsity action. Sophomore hopefuls are Frank Reeves, Dan Clayton, Ernest Danjean, Benson Ham, Norman Lytle, Ray Spruill, Ronnie Whitlock and Jimmy Wright.

Bob Freeman back

Quarterbacks—Weaker with loss of Xstarter Vince Dooley and conversion expert Joe Davis, both lettermen. Only letterman returning is third All-SEC Bobby Freeman. Bill Burbank is only other quarterback with any game experience. Junior Jim Peerson should be ready, although he has no game experience. Sophomore hopefuls are Sammy Hardin, Joe Mathis, Don Stevens and Howell Tubbs.

James, Adams return

LEFT HALF—Much stronger with both lettermen, Fob James, Jr., and Johnny Adams, returning. Non-letterman Jimmy Powell can help, and junior college transfer Alton Snell is rated high. Sophomore hopefuls are Jack Hilferty and Pat Meagher. Also on hand is frosh Atkins, although freshmen will not be eligible next fall.

Duke, Littles gone

Right Halfs—Much weaker with lettermen Bobby Duke and Charlie Littles gone. Only returning letterman is Dave Middleton. Non-letterman is Ed Newby. Sophomores must come through. This group is James Bendall, Richard Hammonds, Gordon Swordsma and Billy Whitten.

Childress at fullback

Fullbacks—about the same despite the loss of letterman Charlie Hataway. Joe Childress is only letterman returning, but junior Olin Cunningham and sophomore Ray Minor should be big helps. Sophomores other than Minor are Joe Autry, Don Crutcher, Bunnine Robinson and Jim Walsh.



LEADERS for Religious Emphasis Week on the API campus were (left to right) David Irvine, Auburn, chairman; Jeane

Morris, Wetumpka, vice-chairman; Ernest Price, Jr., Miss. State College, coordinator, and Charles W. Edwards.

Termed one of best ever

REW In '54

THIS YEAR'S Religious Emphasis Week at Auburn, held recently from January 31 through February 4, has been termed by student leaders one of the finest ever sponsored on the campus.

Ten outstanding speakers were brought to the campus for the five-day emphasis on religion, and numerous convocations, seminars, and church services were held with large numbers of students and faculty attending. Once each day, all classes were dismissed at a particular hour so that students and faculty might attend a convocation.

Held in cooperation with the University Christian Mission, REW was sponsored by the college, the Student Council on Religious Activities, the Faculty Committee on Religious Life, student religious and campus organizations and the local churches. The UCM is a project of the department of evangelism of the National Council of Churches, set up to sponsor missions on college and university campuses.

'Our World, His Way'

THEME for the 1954 REW was "Our World, His Way, Your Life." In addition to the meetings mentioned above, others were scheduled in fraternities and classrooms, giving students and faculty an opportunity to join in discussions with the speakers.

One of the ten speakers was coordinator of REW activities with the campus leaders. He was Earnest Price, Jr., general secretary of the UMCA and director of religious activities at Mississippi State College.

The other prominent speakers were Joseph J. Copeland, pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Albert J. Kissling, pastor, Riverside Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; G. Avery Lee, pastor, First Baptist Church, Rushton, La.; Mrs. G. Avery Lee, of the First Baptist Church, Rushton, La.; Howard E. Short, professor of church history, The College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.; Willis R. Woolrich, dean of engineering, director of Bureau of Engineering Research, at the University of Texas.

James W. Nichols, a minister of the Highland Avenue Church of Christ, the "Herald of Truth," weekly radio broadcast, conducted special services at the Auburn Church of Christ during REW. William Schreiner, C.S.C., conducted a mission at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church during the week and appeared on the campus program as well. He is director of missions and retreats for laymen and servicemen at Notre Dame Mission House, Evanston, Ill.

Working with Registrar Charles Edwards on the Executive Committee were David Irvine, Auburn, program chairman; Jeane Morris, Wetumpka,

vice-chairman; J. E. Foy, director of student affairs, treasurer, and Katharine Cater, advisor. Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, president of A.P.I., is honorary chairman of the committee.

100 students helped

OVER 100 students made up the committee membership under the following chairmen: Arrangements—Allen Moody, Decatur; Assemblies—Marilakin Howard, Montgomery; Book Display—Nell Leath, Jamestown; Breakfast—Suzanne Morgan, Denison, Texas; Classroom—Lavette Teague, Birmingham; Continuation—Milo Howard, Montgomery.

Hospitality—Fred Sharp, Birmingham; Music—Beth Carlovitz, Auburn; Organized House Discussions—Bob Burns, Ashland; Personal Conferences—Barbara Wamp, Hanceville; Publicity—Jo Anne Lucci, Montgomery; Seminar—Marty Foss, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Worship—Marianne Jackson, Auburn.

J. H. Johnson, associate professor of economics, was chairman of Faculty Convocations. Ernest Price, Jr., general secretary of the YMCA and director of religious activities, Mississippi State College, served as coordinator for the week.

Elledge elected head of Material Handlers

CHARLES B. Elledge, '32, on December 15 was elected president of the Material Handling Institute, Inc., for 1954, by 70 manufacturers of the nation's material handling equipment.

The Auburn graduate was chosen at the annual meeting of the Institute at the Hotel Statler in New York City, where 125 executives of the industry gathered for conference. Mr. Elledge will administer with his assistants the educational work and services to industry of this growing trade association.

ELLEDGE is currently manager of materials handling industries sales, with General Electric Company, at Schenectady, New York. He graduated from API in 1932 and has been with General Electric since 1934.

After 10 years in Chicago and Milwaukee, Mr. Elledge was called back to Schenectady in 1946. He served as a director of MHI for two years prior to his election as first vice-president last year.

The MHI, under Mr. Elledge's guidance, will continue its program of aid to industry by sponsoring exhibitions, conferences, publications, and committee activities aimed at promoting greater efficiency and effectiveness in material handling.

Alumnalities

Brief sketches and news items
on Auburn's sons and
daughters

1905

Haygood Paterson, Sr., of Montgomery, has qualified as a candidate for commissioner of agriculture in Alabama.

1908

Robert E. Hodnette, of Atmore, has qualified as a candidate for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Escambia County.

1915

Thomas Blake Howle, of Anniston, has qualified as a candidate for the Alabama State Senate, Seventh District . . . Andrew J. Brooks, of Fort Deposit, has qualified as a candidate for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Lowndes County.

1919

DEATHS: Dr. John B. Jordan, lifelong Pickens County resident, at the Veterans Hospital in Montgomery January 5. The widely known veterinarian had his home at Gordo, Ala., but had been a patient at the Montgomery hospital for several months.

J. B. Wilson was recently named to the city water works board of Auburn. A retired API extension agricultural engineer and at present consultant for a farm machinery firm, Mr. Wilson was appointed for a six-year term on the water board.

1921

Wilburn L. Martin, Jr., of Eutaw, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Greene County.

1922

David D. Wendel, Alabama Power Co. official, has been promoted to colonel in the Army Reserve. Col. Wendel is head of the transmission and distribution system of the company, and resides in Birmingham.

1923

Frank M. Stewart, Alabama's Commissioner of Agriculture, has announced his candidacy for Post No. 2 on the Alabama Public Service Commission . . . Col. R. B. Mardre, of Opelika is presently in Yokohama, Japan, on a tour of duty with the Far East Command . . . Miss Maria Whitson, member of a pioneer Talladega, Ala., family, was recently featured in The Birmingham News as one of Alabama's "Gracious Ladies." Miss Whitson has the distinction of being the first woman to graduate in electrical engineering at Auburn and is now



teaching at Talladega High School . . . Pugh Haynes, of Letohatchee, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Lowndes County . . . Andrew L. Boyd, of Troy, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Pike County.

1924

Thomas C. McCarley has moved to Chattanooga, Tenn. from Sheffield, Ala. . . . Charles M. Smith, Jr., recent past president of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, was recently featured in the Montgomery Advertiser's series on "Montgomery Folks." Mr. Smith is also president of the Southern Laundry Assn., and president of Montgomery Industries . . . James W. Pippin is now with Nelson Weaver Companies of Birmingham, where he is general sales manager, real estate department . . . J. H. Pirkle, of Heflin, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Cleburne County . . . Henry W. Sweet, of Bessemer, has announced his candidacy for Governor of Alabama in the coming election.

1925

Lt. Col. Ed James is now stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala., where he is director of personnel for the Chemical Corps Training Command. He has his home in Anniston . . . William C. Young is distributor, Pure Oil Products, in Belle Glade, Fla. . . . James A. Beaty, of Birmingham, was one of four persons selected by the Extension Service to receive state honors in the National 4-H alumni recognition program. As manager of the agricultural department of Birmingham's Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Beaty conducts an annual meeting for 4-H state officers, council president, local agents and leaders in observance of National 4-H Club Week.

1926

William Dryden now resides at Fort Myers, Fla. . . . Claude McLain, former coach at Woodlawn High School, was recently elected to head the Birmingham

Gets new post



Dr. James A. Naftel, '26

DR. JAMES A. Naftel, '26, has been appointed manager, Plant Food Division, Pacific Coast Borax Co., Division of Borax Consolidated, Limited, effective February 1, according to an announcement by Mr. J. M. Gerstley, President.

For the past seven years, Dr. Naftel has served as agronomist in charge of Development and Sales, Southern Division. In his new position, he will direct the research development, and sales program for the Plant Food Division in the United States, Canada, Central America, and Hawaii.

A native of Naftel, Montgomery County, Alabama, Dr. Naftel received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at API in 1926 and 1930, respectively. From September 1930 to June 1932, he was a graduate assistant in soil testing at the Ohio State University, where he received the Ph.D. degree in August, 1932.

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ham Football Officials Assn. during 1954. The new president is currently teaching at Ensley High School and is secretary of the Ensley YMCA . . . Robert T. Butler has moved to Pensacola, Fla. . . . Clyde Pearson, president of the Auburn Alumni Association, recently attended the semi-annual meeting of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Pearson represented the Gulf States Region of which he is director . . . Miss Elta Majors, of the API Extension Service, is new president of the Alabama Home Economics Assn. . . . Rush Stallings, president, Rush Stallings, Inc., in Mont-

Following the completion of graduate work, Dr. Naftel served for 14 years on the teaching and research staff of the Agronomy and Soils Department at API except for the period July, 1942, to November, 1946, when he served as a field artillery officer participating in the last two campaigns of Northern Italy. At the conclusion of active combat in Italy, he served as civil affairs officer for Allied Military Government in Northern Italy. Upon returning to API, he was appointed Research Professor and Soils Chemist until joining the present Company on January 1, 1947, to conduct boron deficiency work.

Chief fields of research

DR. NAFTEL'S chief fields of research have been in soil fertility investigations involving soil acidity methods of analysis, need and use of lime, effect of soil reaction on the availability of trace elements with special reference to boron and, more recently, to applied research in production of certified seeds and grassland farming. He is the author of more than 25 scientific articles, papers, and bulletins relating to soil fertility and chemical methods of analysis which have been published in this country and abroad.

Dr. Naftel is a member of the American Chemical Society, where he has served as Councilor of the Fertilizer Division; American Society of Agronomy, where he was Chairman of the Soil Fertility Section and Co-chairman of the Plant Nutrients Division; Association of Southern Agricultural Workers, where he was Chairman of Agronomy Section; Sigma Xi, honorary scientific society; Gamma Sigma Delta, honorary agriculture fraternity, and several other agricultural associations.

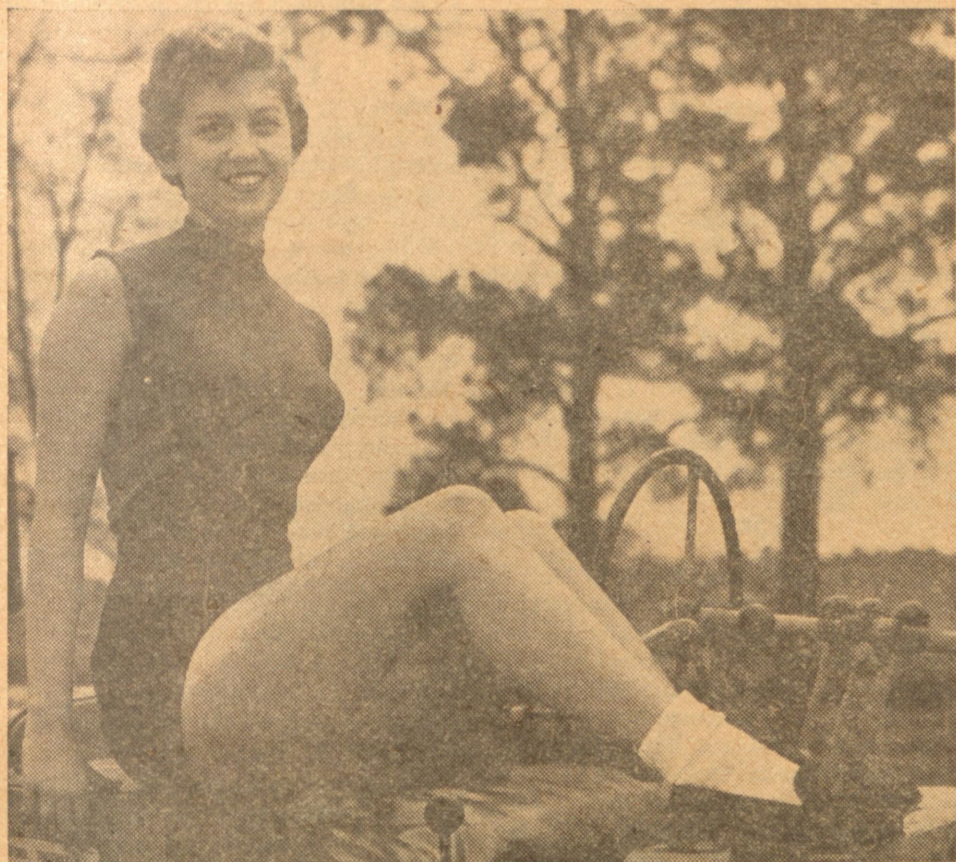
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gomery, was recently named president of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce for 1954. Clyde Pearson, James Pruett, and Mark W. Johnston were named vice-presidents of the organization . . . Ben S. Gilmer, vice-president of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., recently became a life member of the Auburn Alumni Assn. . . . James M. Jenkins, of Roanoke, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Randolph County . . . Earl L. Tucker, Thomasville, has announced his candidacy for the Alabama State Senate, 19th District.

1927

DEATHS: Millard W. Price, at his home in Auburn Heights, October 17 . . . Robert F. Smith, Columbia, S. C., November 18.

L. O. Brackeen, director of public relations for API, was recently installed (Continued on next page)



LOVELY Ann Coleman, junior in education from Anniston, was recently fea-

tured as one of the Plainsman's "Love-liest of the Plains."

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as Alabama governor of Kiwanis International . . . W. H. H. Putnam, general manager of the Birmingham Water Works Board, recently told of a large expansion program the board has planned.

1928

BIRTHS: A son to Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Tabor, September 15, in Columbia, Tenn. The Tabors reside at Pulaski, Tenn. . . . A daughter, Bonnie Alice, to Mr. and Mrs. Winston D. Alston, December 10, in Birmingham.

Junie J. Pierce, partner, Pierce Agency, was recently featured in the Montgomery Advertiser's "Montgomery Folks." Mr. Pierce is active in civic organizations in Montgomery and is chairman of the Alabama Real Estate Commission . . . Judson Salter was recently chosen new president of the Chamber of Commerce in Opelika . . . Harris Winston has moved to Norfolk, Va. . . . Dr. R. Sam Mosley, surgeon, has his office in Coral Gables, Fla. . . . Sim Thomas, Jr., of Eufaula, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Barbour County.

1929

DEATHS: William Everett "Ebb" James, of Auburn, December 25, in an Atlanta hospital of a heart attack. Mr. James was a star three-letter athlete at Auburn. He and his twin brother, Fob James, father of Auburn's present football star, were standouts in football, basketball, and baseball. "Ebb" was captain of the baseball team in 1927.

Julian J. Young, Cherokee County farm agent, recently received the Distinguished Service Award of the National County Agents Assn. at Philadelphia, Pa. . . . Thomas A. Walthall, owner and operator of a dairy and beef cattle farm and a cotton gin and warehouse at Newbern, Ala., has two daughters presently attending Auburn, Carolyn, a junior, and Frances, a freshman. Frances is living in Dorm 12, which was formerly the old Theta Chi Fraternity house. Mr. Walthall was a member of Theta Chi during his stay at Auburn, and president of the group during his senior year . . . B. H. Stallworth, Monroe Oil Co., Monroeville, was recently named vice-president of the Alabama Liquified Petroleum Gas Assn. . . . William W. Paterson, president, Rosemont Greenhouses, Inc., was recently featured in the Montgomery Advertiser's "Montgomery Folks." Mr. Paterson is also president of SEC football officials Assn. . . . Mercer D. Helms has moved to Ormond Beach, Fla.

1930

DEATHS: Claude P. Owens, Alabama State Health Department engineer, in Montgomery November 7. A resident of Montgomery for 13 years, Mr. Owens had been president of the Montgomery chapter of the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers.

Comdr. George W. Ellenburg is now at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla. . . . Mrs. George S. Fogleman (Ruth Frisbie), Florence, Ala., was recently featured as one of "Alabama's Gracious Ladies" in The Birmingham News . . . C. Ed Teague, director of the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Division, has his home in Montgomery . . . James L. Ward, New Milford, Conn., recently became a life member of the Auburn Alumni Assn. . . . J. F. Mitchell has returned to his former position as chemical engineer with Celanese Corp. of America at the Rome, Ga., mill . . . J. A. Medlock, Greensboro, Ala., is serving on the Hale County Board of Education, having been appointed to the position in November . . . Major James K. Smith, Jr., executive officer of the Birmingham Ordnance District, was recently released from active duty and

Porter retires



Howard K. Porter, '09

HOWARD K. PORTER, '09, former General Sales Manager of Hyatt Bearings Division, General Motors Corporation, retired at the end of 1953, after 37 years with the division.

Mr. Porter was president of the Class of 1909 while earning his mechanical engineering degree at Auburn, and for a time was associate professor of mathematics. He was born in Atlanta, Ga., and entered the field of sales engineering in 1910 when he joined National Tube Company in Atlanta.

Members of the class of '09 will be interested along with Mr. Porter in the fact that the class will have its next reunion in Auburn in November, 1955.

Joined Hyatt in 1916

HE CAME to Hyatt in 1916 as Sales Manager of the Mine Car Division. He later became Manager of the Eastern Division and in 1930 became General Sales Manager, a post which he held until August, 1952, when he was appointed Assistant to the General Manager.

During his long tenure as General Sales Manager, Mr. Porter saw Hyatt grow to be one of the leading manufacturers of roller bearings in the country, with a product that is vital to every means of transportation, to industry, to agriculture and to defense.

Well-known in the industry, Mr. Porter is a member of many technical and trade organizations among which are the Society of Automotive Engineers, the Army Ordnance Association and the Farm Equipment Institute. He is also a member of Ridgewood Country Club and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Porter is married to the former Effie McDonald of Savannah. They have a daughter and two grandchildren. A long-time resident of Ridgewood, residing at 30 North Hillside Place, Mr. Porter also has a summer home at Quonochontaug, Rhode Island.



entered the active reserve after completing two years on active duty. He returned to his job with the Pure Oil Company, and has his home in Birmingham . . . Richard H. Boyd has his home in Harrisburg, Pa. . . . J. Streeter Wiatt, Montgomery, is a new member of the board of directors of the Alabama Society of Architects . . . Grady J. Long, of Hartselle, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Morgan County . . . Roberts H. Brown, of Opelika, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Lee County.

1931

BIRTHS: A son, Martin Vaughan, to Mr.

and Mrs. E. R. Trammell of Silver Springs, Md., December 31.

Morris T. Evans is, living at Fitzpatrick, Ala. . . . Luke W. Brown, Jr. is vice-president and treasurer of the Martin Distributing Co. of Atlanta, Ga. . . . Gerald D. Waits, chief management, San Antonio Regional Office of Army and Air Force Exchange Service, has his home at Fort Sam Houston, Texas . . . Mrs. J. V. Middleton (Evaline Dorothy Parker) is living in Warwick, Va. . . . Col. Hugh M. Arnold is now at Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

1932

Auburn's Head Football Coach Ralph Jordan recently had his football contract with API extended to Jan. 1, 1960 . . . J. W. Walton, former assistant county agent in Barbour County for seven years, has been officially appointed county agent of that county. Jasper A. Hayles, '46, is his assistant agent . . . Walter L. Mims, Birmingham attorney, is new president of the Alabama Wildlife Federation . . . Jack A. Cumbee recently became a life member of the Auburn Alumni Assn. He has his home at Cedartown, Ga. . . . Martha B. Seale is with Troy State Teachers College at Troy, Ala. . . . Virgil O. Callahan is an associate of Raymond Sizemore, architect, in Montgomery . . . John W. Williams is with the City of Anniston as City Inspector and City Electrician . . . Dr. Charles F. Simmons, Auburn, was recently named to the board of directors of the API Faculty Club . . . Cleveland L. Adams, Auburn, was recently chosen vice-president of the API Faculty Club . . . Lee Roy Mims, of Opelika, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Lee County.

1933

BIRTHS: A son, William Forrester, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ham, Auburn, September 26.

Mrs. Paul W. Auston (Lily Barnes Cherry), Shawmut, Ala., was recently featured in The Birmingham News as one of "Alabama's Gracious Ladies." . . . Miss Mary George Lamar of Auburn is president of the Alabama Business Education Assn. . . . Walt Whitman was recently elected to the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club at Troy, Ala. . . . Lea Clark, Jr., resides at Palmetto, Ga. . . . Jimmy Hitchcock, of Montgomery has announced his candidacy for Place No. 1 on the Alabama Public Service Commission.

1934

BIRTHS: A daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Holloway, Montgomery, January 11.

Earle H. Foy operates Foy Brick Co. in Atlanta, Ga. . . . D. Hamp Morris, Geneva, Ala., has been named a director of the Carded Yarn Assn. . . . C. D. Schwine, Jr., Birmingham railroad man, was recently promoted by the Southern Railroad System to the newly-created position of manager of Coster Shops in Knoxville, Tenn. . . . Major Tommy H. Giles, Auburn, was recently promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel . . . Nicholas S. Hare, of Monroeville, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, for Monroe County.

1935

Wilburn Gibbs has moved to Moline, Ill. . . . Duke Paterson of Montgomery is new chairman of the Alabama Aeronautics Commission . . . Robert J. Dowe, engineer, is with Southern Bell in New Orleans, La. . . . Clarence Turnipseed is with the First National Bank farm service department in Tuscaloosa . . . Marvin C. Padgett resides at Spring Hill, Ala., where he is teaching in Spring Hill College . . . Mrs. Frances Bailey Radney is living in Mobile . . . Ernest S. Collier, formerly of Wetumpka, Ala.,

Elevated with Ethicon



John G. Finch, '36

AUBURN'S John G. Finch, '36, has been elected to the Board of directors of Ethicon, Inc., subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, it was announced late last month.

Mr. Finch continues as general manager of the company's Chicago plant, a position he has held since June 1, 1951. Joining Ethicon as assistant plant manager in Chicago on March 15, 1948, he became plant manager in December, 1949.

Born at Moultrie, Ga., he graduated from Auburn in 1936. He came to Ethicon from Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., where he was works manager at LaPorte, Ind.

Mr. Finch lives at Hinsdale, Ill., with his wife and three sons and is active in Little League baseball and the Boy Scout movement.



is now serving as a technician in agricultural education with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, American Embassy, Tegucigalpa, D. C., Honduras, C. A. . . . W. G. Hall is with Liberty National Life Insurance Co. in Dothan, Ala. William Judson Darden is now living at Stockton, Calif. . . . Harry Gilmore, vice-president and agricultural agent of the First National Bank, Montgomery, was recently presented a silver tray by the Montgomery Senior 4-H Club for his interest in club work and work with the promotion of youth projects . . . Morris H. Moses, of Fyffe, has announced his candidacy for the Alabama State Senate, 29th District.

1936

Walton T. Reeves is living in Mobile, Ala. . . . Maj. Thomas R. Head now resides at Millbrook, Ala. . . . Mrs. Herman Harris, (Sarah Frances Ashurst), of Tallahassee, was recently featured in The Birmingham News as one of "Alabama's Gracious Ladies" . . . A. Perry Gordy, Columbus, Ga., is now Advertising and Promotion Manager with Wells Dairies Cooperative . . . Mark J. Williams, of Anniston, has announced his candidacy for the Alabama State Senate, Seventh District . . . Charles Adams, of Alexander City, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Tallapoosa County . . . James W. Gullatte, Salem, has announced his candidacy for Governor of Alabama.

1937

BIRTHS: A daughter, Mary Jim, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wallis, Talladega, Ala., December 9.

Joseph M. Dennis, a sanitary engineer, is working with the Department of State in Washington, D. C., on assignment in Tel Aviv, Israel . . . William Rex Logan

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is living in Atlanta, Ga. . . . Milton D. Roth has moved to Guntersville, Ala. . . . Dr. Conway C. Brock, veterinarian, is practicing in East Point, Ga. . . . Lee Porter, Gadsden, has announced his candidacy for Alabama State Attorney General . . . D. P. Culp, of Auburn, has announced his candidacy for Alabama State Superintendent of Education.

1938

Roswell Malcolm Hair, Jr. is owner of a Western Auto Associate Store in Buena Vista, Ga. . . . Lt. Col. James C. Stewart recently returned from a three-year tour of duty with the air force in Germany, and at present is stationed at the air force base in Tacoma, Wash. . . . A. D. Holmes, of Gallion, Ala., is presently serving as president of the Alabama Assn. of Soil Conservation District Supervisors . . . Raymund R. Callaway has moved to Atlanta, Ga. . . . James R. Melton is employed by the air force at Orlando, Fla., where he is wing manpower and management officer . . . Dr. Thomas L. Hagan, Alexander City dentist, was recently installed as president of his city's Kiwanis Club for 1954 . . . Billy Hitchcock, former veteran American League infielder, was named in October as playing manager of the Buffalo Bisons of the International League for 1954. A resident of Opelika, Mr. Hitchcock was a utility infielder last season with the Detroit Tigers, the parent club for the Bisons. His best of nine major league seasons was in 1951 when he batted .306 with the Philadelphia Athletics. At one time or another, he has played every infield position . . . Harry Shaddix, Eastaboga, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Talladega County.

1939

DEATHS: Carl Lazenby Moseley, Selma, in October, at a Selma hospital. Dr. Thomas C. Davis is practicing at Sheffield, Ala. . . . Jacob L. Cooper, Jr. is living in Birmingham . . . William S. Ellis is employed by the Aluminum Company of America at Chattanooga, Tenn. . . . Mrs. Florence Weldon Jordan now resides in Charlotte, N. C. . . . Charles F. Grisham, experienced radio executive who calls Athens, Ala., his hometown, was named in November as local sales manager of Television Station WABT in Birmingham . . . Ernest H. Steward, soil scientist, is with Clemson College in Clemson, S. C. . . . Eunice Parker Ponder is teaching at Meek High School at Arley, Ala. . . . Paul G. Sewell

is living now at Thomasville, Ga. . . . George Wolff is with Universal Mills at Fort Worth, Texas . . . C. C. "Jack" Owen, of Montgomery, has announced his candidacy for Governor of Alabama. . . . Orson A. "Pete" Johnson, of Montgomery, has announced his candidacy for tax collector of Montgomery County in the coming elections. Mr. Johnson graduated from Auburn with a B.S. degree in agriculture.

1940

BIRTHS: A daughter, Karren Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Romine, Jr., of Marietta, Ga., October 22, 1953.

Mrs. Richard E. Charlton, Jr. (Dorothy Lewis), now resides at Fairfax, Ala. and was recently featured as one of "Alabama's Gracious Ladies" in The Birmingham News . . . Robert M. Pather, Jr. is now engaged in farming at Autaugaville, Ala. . . . Miss Fran Mallette, of Dothan, and Mrs. Oenone Allen Cook, '43, of Huntsville, home demonstration agents of Houston and Madison Counties, received in November distinguished service awards at the National Home Demonstration Agents Assn.'s meeting in Chicago . . . Ealon Lambert is new president of the Opelika Exchange Club for 1954, and was also recently re-elected to the Opelika City Commission . . . Marine Lt. Col. Robert H. Armstrong, Birmingham, is now officer in charge of Marine recruiting in seven Southeastern states, with headquarters in Atlanta . . . Edith Patton Doyle is teaching at North Hialeah School in Hialeah, Fla. . . . Neal C. Batson has his home at Cincinnati, Ohio . . . Mrs. Martha Bost Marbury, Montgomery, recently became engaged to Maj. William M. Land, Jr., who was then stationed at Baltimore, Md. . . . R. C. "Red" Bamberg has announced that he will enter the race for State Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries. Mr. Bamberg owns and operates a farm five miles north of Uniontown, Ala. . . . Carl T. Happer, Jr. has been appointed head of the newly created personnel section of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., Alabama Division. Mr. Happer will direct the company's personnel program from headquarters in Birmingham . . . Frank R. Stewart, of Centre, has announced his candidacy for Alabama State Superintendent of Education . . . Arnel W. Todd, of Russellville, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Franklin County.

1941

BIRTHS: A daughter, Rebecca Ellen, to the Rev. and Mrs. D. K. Christenberry,



SHOWN are members of Auburn's Graduate Council, to which three new members were recently named by President Ralph Draughon. Names of the members are in story below.

Three new members appointed to

API Graduate Council

THREE new members have been appointed to the Graduate Council at Auburn.

Named to serve for three year terms were Dr. H. E. Sauberlich, professor of animal husbandry and nutrition, Dr. William A. Rutledge, associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. W. L. Davis, professor of education.

The new appointees succeed Dr. H. H. Punke, professor of education, Dr. C. R. Saunders, dean of the School of Chemistry, and Dr. J. F. Ferry, associate professor of botany, all of whom have completed their terms as members of the Council.

Appointments were made by API President Ralph B. Draughon upon the recommendation of Dr. W. V. Parker, dean of the Graduate School and chairman of the Council.

12-member group

THE 12-MEMBER group, which was reorganized in 1952 to meet the needs of API's doctoral degree program, is charged with the responsibility of formulating all legislation and policies affecting graduate curricula and requirements for graduate degrees. Members are appointed for three year terms with one third of the membership retiring annually.

Other members currently serving on the Council are: Dr. Howard Carr, head of the Department of Physics; Dr. Samuel H. Nichols, Jr., associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Ruth Albrecht, research professor of home economics; Dr. W. S. Bailey, head professor of pathology; Dr. Carl Benson, associate professor of English; Dr. Wm. G. Eden, associate professor of entomology; Dr.

M. C. McMillan, research professor of history; Dr. H. Ellsworth Steele, research professor of economics; and Dr. Raymond H. White, research professor of education.

Mrs. Ruth Brittin, assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School, serves as ex-officio member and secretary to the Council.



John B. Kincaid, '29

JOHN B. KINCAID, '29, Florida manager for Southern Bell Telephone Company with headquarters at Jacksonville, has been appointed Commercial Operations Engineer at the Company's general headquarters in Atlanta.

In returning to Atlanta to assume his new duties, Mr. Kincaid will return to the scene of a large part of his telephone career. He has served there as Georgia Division Commercial Supervisor, Atlanta District Manager, and General Directory Manager, in addition to other responsible assignments. While living in Atlanta, he was active in civic endeavors in the area.

Mrs. Kincaid is the former Mary Gladys Steffner, of Atlanta. They have two sons.

A NATIVE of Alabama, educated at Leeds, and graduate of Auburn, he began his telephone career in Atlanta in 1929. Since that time he has come up through the ranks, serving in various capacities of increasing importance in Georgia, Mississippi and Florida.



NAMED King and Queen of the Beaux Arts Ball held recently on the campus were Marilyn Monette, Birmingham, and Joe Charles Sparks, Birmingham.

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equipped in the state. While coach at Tuskegee, Mr. Thomas' football teams have won better than half of their games, and the basketball and baseball teams have been even better . . . Mrs. Eleanor Hamrick Koops is now at Leesburg, Fla., where she is executive secretary for the Lake County Chapter of Red Cross . . . Thomas C. McCain, Jr., is president of McCain Manufacturing Co. and resides in Birmingham . . . J. Kirk Newell, Jr. is vice-president of the Jaycees at Tulsa, Okla. . . . George C. Kempson, Montgomery, is employed by Lion Oil Company of El Dorado, Ark.

1942

DEATHS: George Montgomery, prominent Opelika jeweler, was found dead of gunshot wounds in a private club house near Opelika January 4. Coroner Dr. Joe H. Liles said he would not declare the cause of death until he conducted his investigation further. He added, however, that the shot appeared to have been self inflicted.

BIRTHS: A son, Charles Walter, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Weaver, of Auburn, September 22 at the Lee County Hospital.

Herbert M. Martin, Jr. is vice-president and manager of radio operations for WAPI in Birmingham . . . Henry F. Rainey is Division Field Engineer with the Atlanta Division, Shell Oil Company . . . Robert B. Allan is now living at Edwards, Calif. . . . Nick Ardillo is coaching at Ramsay High School in Birmingham . . . Donald C. Wells is residing in Atlanta.

1943

Richmond Flowers, of Dothan, has announced his candidacy for the Alabama



SLICING Into an attractive birthday cake on his 60th birthday is Harry C. Kendall, '15, who has his home at 1125 Bond Street, Macon, Georgia. The cake (shown below) represents the 1953 Georgia-Auburn football game with one-half orange and blue and one-half red and black icing. War Eagle is written in center.



State Senate, 35th District . . . M. B. McClendon, of Union Springs, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Bullock County.

1947

Henry B. Steagall, II, of Ozark, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Dale County.

1949

BIRTHS: A daughter, Kathy Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ingram, December 28, in Auburn . . . A son, Rodney Posey, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Morton, August 7, in Birmingham . . . A son to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Edgar, Jr., '50, (nee Jo Anne Bennett), August 16, at Columbus, Ga. . . . A son, Michael Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morgan, September 14, at Paducah, Ky. . . . A daughter, Susan Leigh, to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Norrell, October 31, of Georgiana, Ala. . . . A son, Joseph Clayton, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sutherland, November 6, of Montgomery . . . A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Pertree, November 15, in Montgomery.

Phyllis Stough is now a reporter for the Advertiser-Journal in Montgomery . . . Jack R. Amos has his home at Huntsville, Ala. . . . William T. Ashe is now living in Birmingham where he is associated with the Relay Dept. of Alabama Power Co.

1950

Charles G. Reynolds, of Lanett, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Chambers County . . . Emory R. Solomon, of Headland, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Henry County . . . Verbon E. Crane, of Kimberly, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Jefferson County.

1951

J. T. "Tom" Johnson, of Notasulga, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 2, Tallapoosa County.

1952

Virgil N. Price, of Alexander City, has announced his candidacy for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives, Place No. 1, Tallapoosa County.

Campus Scene: Coeds having a cup at Union snack bar



Named to new position



Arthur C. Weid, '36

ARTHUR C. WEID, '36, was appointed early in February as a vice-president of Melpar, Inc., Alexandria, Va., a subsidiary of and central research labora-

tory for Westinghouse Air Brake Company.

Mr. Weid has been chief engineer for Melpar since 1951, and executive assistant to the executive vice president and general manager since 1952. After joining Melpar in 1947, Mr. Weid became project engineer in charge of the engineering development of micro-wave systems and other complex electronic and sonar devices.

In 1936, Mr. Weid was graduated from Auburn with a B.S. degree. He received his Master of Science degree from New York University in 1938. After graduate work in mathematics at the University of North Carolina, he joined in the important war research project at Columbia University which became the Airborne Instrument Laboratory. During the post-war period, when the Laboratory became an independent commercial organization, Mr. Weid was director of military engineering projects.

Mr. Weid is a member of the Institute of Radio Engineers, the American Physical Society, Eta Kappa Mu, and Phi Kappa Tau.

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